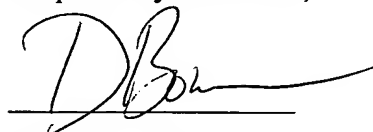


REMARKS

Claims 1-3 were previously withdrawn in parent application 10/045,371. Claims 1-3 with amendments are presently pending in this divisional application which is being filed at the same time at the continuation application. New claims 23-30 have been added. Claim 4-8 and 11 in the parent application 10/045,371 were allowed in a notice of allowance mailed on 1/29/2004. Claims 9 and 10 were cancelled in the parent application. Claims 12-22 were added as new claims in the continuation application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this application and in other applications.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. The proposed amendments are not believed to add new matter. Accordingly the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections and to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner determines that direct communication with the Applicants' attorney will expedite the resolution of any remaining issues, the Examiner is invited to contact him at the telephone number listed below

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